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and/or Services  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the reference(s) cited on the attached form PTO-1449 or PTO/SB08a. Copies of the listed documents (except U.S. patents and published U.S. patent applications) are attached.

The reference has been cited in a European office action, dated 16 June 2010, in the counterpart European patent application.

The EPO examiner referenced the following paragraphs of this references as being relevant:

[0536] - [0540] as regards offer of goods or services being offered;  
[0372] and [0539] as regards use of mobile communication device by a user for

supraregional communication;

[0539], [0543] to [0546] selection made by user;

[0540] - [0542], [0552], [0556] identification being transmitted by user;

[0883] - [0920] in regard to offer, receipt, ticket;

[0540], [0547] - [0551], [0556], [0883] - [0920] reservation and identification transmitted to verification system;

[0564] - [0569] contactless verification as user approaches the verification system;

[0547] upon positive verification result, user is allowed access.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

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